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Millville Man Sentenced to 10 Years in Federal Prison for Distributing Child Pornography

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CAMDEN, N.J. – A Millville, New Jersey man was sentenced today by Senior United States District Judge Joseph E. Irenas to 120 months in prison for distribution of child pornography, United States Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Gary Gandy, 55, previously pleaded guilty to a one-count Information in December 2009 before United Stated District Judge Noel L. Hillman. At his plea hearing, Gandy admitted that from November 2008 through March 31, 2009, he used LimeWire, peer-to-peer file-sharing software, to receive and distribute images of child pornography, among other means. Specifically, on November 25, 2008, an undercover officer using the LimeWire software was able to download eight images of child pornography that Gandy made available for distribution from his home computer.

Gandy also admitted that he possessed images and videos of child pornography on his computer and multiple computer disks, and that the computer disks seized from his residence contained over 600 images and videos of child pornography – including videos of girls as young as 2 years old being sexually assaulted by an adult.

Fishman credited Special Agents with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Atlantic City Resident Agency, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Michael B. Ward, with the investigation leading to Gandy's conviction.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Irenas sentenced Gandy to five years of supervised release. In determining an actual sentence, Judge Irenas consulted the advisory United States Sentencing Guidelines, which provide appropriate sentencing ranges that take into account the severity and characteristics of the offense, the defendant's criminal history, if any, and other factors. Parole has been abolished in the federal system. Defendants who are given custodial terms must serve nearly all that time.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacqueline M. Carle of the Criminal Division in Camden.

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